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APPENDIX XVI.

[Vide answer to unstarred question No. 58 asked by Sri Kunhi Muhamed Shafee at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 16th July 1953, page 281 supra.]

(*a*) The present bed-strength and the daily average attendance of patients treated in the Government Hospital, Perintalmanna, are as follows :—

Bed-strength—22.

The average daily attendance during the last three years—

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1950	31	101
1951	27	142
1952	41	211

(*b*) The following suggestions were made by the Deputy Surgeon-General when he visited the hospital in 1950 :—

(1) Repair of roof and floor.

(2) Changing the partition in the delivery room.

(3) Putting up fence for the compound.

(4) Asbestos ceiling for the operation room.

(5) Provision of a microscope.

(6) Appointment of an additional nurse and compounder.

(*c*) Except the provision of a microscope, the other suggestions contained in the inspection report have not been implemented so far.

The hospital was under the management of the district board till November 1952 and the district board with its limited resources could not implement the suggestions. The hospital has recently been taken over by Government. The question of repairs to the building has been taken up by the Director of Medical Services for consideration. The Director of Medical Services has reported that proposals for increasing the bed-strength and the employment of additional staff will be submitted to Government in due course for consideration as a Part II Scheme for 1954–55.